



Quest for the Best!



28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Omaha08

Omaha, Nebraska July 25-29, 2008

Hosted by VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System and the Great Plains Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America

Wheelchair athletes who participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games do so for the competition, the camaraderie and the glory. More than 500 athletes, all military veterans from across the United States, Puerto Rico and Great Britain, will convene in Omaha for the 28th Games, being held July 25-29, 2008.

Veterans who will compete in Omaha have served from World War II to the present time. Among the newest competitors will be veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Games include 17 competitive events, such as quad rugby (murderball), slalom (a timed obstacle course) and basketball. Some contestants are first-time, newly injured veterans; others are world-class Paralympians. Gold, Silver and bronze medals will be awarded in Olympic style to all winning athletes.

Sports

Wheelchair Sports (track, field, basketball, softball, swimming, and more)
World-class (Paralympic) athletes
Quad rugby (murderball) in action
New and experienced athletes and teams
Local athletes and teams
Special exhibition event: sled hockey

Feature/Human Interest

"Kids Day" activities
Special Military Revue Show
Volunteers at the Games
City prepares to host Games
Special events/ceremonies
Celebrity guests
Corporate sponsors

Health

Training for the competitions
Spinal chord research
Wellness for wheelchair users
Wheelchair technology/new prosthetic devices
Classification system for wheelchair competition
Stand-up events for amputee athletes

Military/Patriotism

Military heroes
Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom veterans
Combat-injured veterans
Female veterans
Veterans spanning generations

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